

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley, Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew, Rubel, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Ferch** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Gibbs introduced **Officer McWilliams** from Soda Springs who is on assignment at the Capital.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Wood** made a unanimous consent request to **HOLD RS 29187** in committee until the meeting on January 27, 2022. There being no objection, the request was granted.

H 445: **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 23, presented **H 445**, which repeals an outdated section of code for vaccine storage at 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **H 445** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**DOCKET NO.
16-0000-2100:** **Chairman Wood** returned **Docket No. 16-0000-2100 Section 16.03.09** to the committee. This section became effective in 2017 in alignment with Federal Rules. With the deletion of the federal rule, a conflict between **Subsection 772(c)** and Medicaid Rules has arisen.

Juliet Charon, Administrator, Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Medicaid, further presented **Docket No. 16-0000-2100 Section 16.03.09**. She requested the committee strike the language found in **Subsection 772.01(c)**. A temporary replacement rule will then be created stating: (c) All prosthetic and orthotic devices that require fitting must be provided by a podiatrist, or an individual who is certified or registered by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics.

Answering a question, she stated this section is specific to podiatrists and the fitting of orthotics and devices.

MOTION: **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0000-2000 Section 16.03.09** with the exception of **Subsection 772.01(c)**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 15-0200-2100: **Mike Walsh**, Rehabilitation Services Chief, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, presented **Docket No. 15-0200-2100**. A word count reduction of 37% has been achieved and is in alignment with the Executive ordered Red Tape Reduction Act and Zero Based Regulation. Three chapters sharing common requirements and language have been combined into one chapter. Alignment has been made to federal requirements and outdated language has been removed. The rules are now lighter and easier to navigate. He noted there were two grammatical errors still needing change to provide gender neutrality.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-0200-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 454: **Mike Walsh**, Rehabilitation Services Chief, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, presented **H 454** which updates the Commission's ability to administer rehabilitation in federal programs by referencing compliance to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, and their subsequent amendments.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 454** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary